

**FITCHBURG PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Paula Caron, Chair  
John DiPasquale  
Mike DiPietro  
Mike Hurley  
Paul Fontaine, Jr.  
Nancy Maynard  
Elizabeth Slattery

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE:** David Streb  
Mike O'Hara

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Veteran's Room, First Floor, City Hall.

**Communications**

Mr. Streb informed the Board about the recent receipt by the city of a P.A.R.C. grant for \$264,694 to make improvements at the Riverfront Park.

Also, the city is sponsoring a survey of the Nashua River in conjunction with the Nashua River Watershed Association. Volunteers, including several office employees, will be walking sections of the river looking for environmental concerns along the river.

The city has partnered with NRWA to hire a whitewater consultant to investigate the feasibility of whitewater use of the Nashua River. They will be in town Dec 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will make a presentation to the Parks Board December 2 on their findings.

**Meeting Minutes**

Motion made & seconded to approve minutes of the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting as corrected by Ms. Caron[u1].  
Vote unanimous to approve.

**ANR plans**

The Board reviewed and endorsed the following "ANR" plan:

Lavoie, Ashby West Road & Scott Road

Adjustment of property line to make house under construction conform to setbacks.

Two parcels are in same ownership.

**Minor Site Plan Review**

Habit OPCO, 155 Airport Rd., addition

Joe Summers of J. Summers construction presented plan for 720 sq. ft. one story addition and showed architectural plan. Construction has started, but Mr. Gallant has told him he is proceeding at own risk pending receipt of approvals.

Motion made (Mr. Fontaine) & seconded (Ms. Maynard) to approve minor Site Plan subject to condition:

- re-pave and re-stripe parking lot.

Vote 7-0 to approve.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Special Permit & Definitive Subdivision Plan - Fisher Road LLC, off Fisher Rd.**

**(continued from 10-21-08)**

*Voting members present: Caron, DiPasquale, DiPietro, Fontaine, Hurley, Maynard, Slattery (7)*

Action: postponed to December 18

Applicant had e-mailed a request to postpone to December meeting

Motion made & seconded to postpone to December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Special Permit - Brosseau, open-air fast-food restaurant, 245 Crawford St.**

*Voting members present: Caron, DiPasquale, DiPietro, Fontaine, Hurley, Maynard (6)*

Action: Approved

Nancy Brosseau presented proposal. She will be parking a hot dog cart in the parking lot of 245 Crawford Street. She has written permission of property owner.

Public comment: Tom Donnelly spoke in favor of the project.

Motion made & seconded to Grant Special Permit, subject to the hot dog stand remaining at 245 Crawford Street.

Vote 7-0 to approve.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

301 South St. PUD

A letter was shown to the Board regarding abutting drainage issues and access from the rear contrary to plan.

Angela Scaficcia, 17 Everett Street Extension, introduced Pete Caron to speak for her concerns. Pete referenced catch basins that were not installed. Also, a dramatic change in water tables has occurred so that their finished basement has been damaged, which hadn't flooded in 49 years previous.

David Descoteaux, 47 Putnam Park asked if there was a drainage study performed. He said he's had trouble flooding in his basement twice. He also asked if there was a master plan for combined sewer remediation.

Mike O'Hara pointed out that a drainage study was conducted in 2005 by Hamway Engineering.

Mr. Streb pointed out that the city had done a master plan for combined sewers, and that it was available for review from the Department of Public Works.

Jim Scaficcia – Are there any catch basins shown on the plan that weren't installed? If so, someone's not doing their job.

A review of the approved plan didn't show any missing catch basins.

Mr. DiPasquale asked if we can stop construction until these drainage issues are resolved.

Staff agreed to check with Mike Gallant, the Building Commissioner.

The modification of the Special Permit had a condition stating the Special Permit modification was null and void if an agreement with the Valitons for the purchase of their house was not reached. Therefore, the original Special Permit is in effect.

Ann DeCoteaux – They completed two rear townhouses, and removed a lot of vegetation that was there. That may have made the problem worse.

Board requested that a letter to DPW for site inspection and a letter to Building Department to stop work be sent.

Marc Gasparro, 92 Putnam Park - He got water in his basement also. Not a lot, and he's only had it twice since he's lived there.

Tom Sarasin, 73 Kingsbury Street, asked if we can tell them to remove the driveway out to Kingsbury Street.

Councilor Dave Clark spoke. He said that he can attest to the issues the neighbors are stating, and that he's had Denis Meunier up to see them.

Board asked that a letter to the Building Department be sent requesting no more permits be issued, and that we talk to Engineering to go to the site, and that a letter to property owner Leo Xarras be sent.

Meeting adjourned 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 18, 2008

Approved 1-22-09

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